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Shuster Statement on Federal Funding to Help PA Recover from Historic Winter Storms

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Bill Shuster released the following statement in response to the Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA) announcement triggering the release of Federal funds to help Pennsylvania communities recover from the severe winter storms that hit our region in February.

"I am pleased to see that the Administration has agreed to our request for assistance in the wake of the severe storms that hit our region this past February.

I joined with my colleagues across the state to make the case that federal assistance was in dire need due to the budget-busting nature of the blizzards. I personally weighted in with senior officials at FEMA asking for special consideration and to utilize existing exemption authority from overly restrictive rules that could have denied the Commonwealth the funds needed to recover from these historic storms.

Hopefully this federal assistance will help our state budget recover from a long and hard winter."

The federal funding will be used to help communities recover in the following counties, most of which are in the 9th district: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, Philadelphia, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland, and York.

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